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First Named Inventor	Kurt A. Estes et al.
Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	Gregory E. Webb
Attorney Docket Number	US19984054-3

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please find submitted herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for which an extension of time has been requested. Applicants request that the Amendment filed on April 21, 2004 be entered and the arguments presented therein be considered. Applicants believe the changes presented in the Amendment filed on



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November 1, 2002 place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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